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50X1 1. [redacted] the 23d Tank Regiment [redacted] food
50X1 ration for one man per day, based on Ration Number 2, was as follows:

50X1 (a) Bread - 800 grams in summer, 400 black, 400 white;
900 grams in winter, 500 black, 400 white

(b) Meat - 230 grams

(c) Fats - 75 grams

(d) Groats - 170 grams (160 grams for officers)

(e) Macaroni - 80 grams

(f) Potatoes - 1,500 grams

(g) Vegetables:

Onions - 30 grams

Beets - 30 grams

Carrots - 30 grams

Cabbage - 100 grams

(h) Flour - 10 grams

(i) Fish - 120 grams

(j) Sugar - 35 grams

(k) Tea - 3 grams

(l) Pepper - 2 grams

(m) Laurel leaves - 1 gram

(n) Salt - 30 grams

(o) Vinegar - 3 grams

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- (p) Tobacco - 20 grams (not issued to officers)
- (q) Matches - 3 boxes (not issued to officers)
- (r) Cigarette papers - 3 packages (not issued to officers)
2. Officers had the same ration but received the following additional items daily: butter, 40 grams; canned fish, 30 grams; pastry, 20 grams; and additional sugar, 25 grams. Food for the officer is free in the Soviet Zone of Germany. In the USSR, however, the officers receive a monetary allowance of 200 rubles per month instead of the free food. In the Soviet Zone, Voyentorg (PX) sells each officer three kilograms of meat and one kilogram of butter per month at reduced rates. Officers of the 23d Tk Regt are quartered in hotels near their units and pay 48 East Marks per month for quarters, electricity, heat, water, housekeeping service and laundry.
3. Usual dishes for the enlisted men and NCOs are sour cabbage soup and other soups, gruels, cooked macaroni with meat or fish, and mashed potatoes or peas. Generally the food is served as a mixture of all items, which includes peeled barley, pearl barley, oats, peas and macaroni or vermicelli. The diet is monotonous for both enlisted men and officers and all personnel are dissatisfied with the existing rations. As a rule, the food is poorly prepared and does not have good flavor because of the poor qualifications of the cooks who prepare the food. Cereals such as buckwheat and rice are prepared only on important holidays. On 1 May 51, only 36 kilograms of buckwheat and 100 kilograms of rice were issued to the 23d Tk Regt for a total of 760 men. For breakfast the total weight of the first dish was 700 grams, and the weight of the second dish 350 grams; for lunch the first dish was 750 grams and the second 400 grams; for dinner there was only one dish of 350 grams.
4. The following is a list of clothing and equipment supplied to Soviet officers and enlisted men:

No.	Item	Officers		NCOs and EM	
		Amount	Period of wear	Amount	Period of wear
(a)	Overcoat	1 each	2 years	1 each	3 years
(b)	Boots (Service shoes) (1)	1 pair	8 months	1 pair	8 months
(c)	Cap with visor (2)	1 each	2 years	-	-
(d)	Cap, garrison, cotton	-	-	1 each	1 year
(e)	Breeches, broadcloth (3)	1 pair	1 year	-	-
(f)	Blouse, broadcloth (3)	1 each	2 years	-	-
(g)	Breeches, cotton	1 pair	1 year	1 pair	1 year
(h)	Blouse, cotton	1 each	1 year	1 each	1 year
(i)	Undershirt, summer	2 each	1 year	2 each	1 year
(j)	Underdrawers, summer	2 each	1 year	2 each	1 year
(k)	Foot wrappers (in lieu of socks) summer (4)	2 pair	1 year	2 pair	1 year
(l)	Foot wrappers (in lieu of socks) winter (4)	1 pair	1 year	1 pair	1 year
(m)	Towel	-	-	2 each	1 year
(n)	Undershirt, winter	1 each	1 year	1 each	1 year
(o)	Drawers, winter	1 each	1 year	1 each	1 year
(p)	Equipment, Officers (5)	1 each	5 years	-	-
(q)	Belt - waist or overcoat	-	-	1 each	3 years
(r)	Belt, trouser	-	-	1 each	3 years
(s)	Blouse, duty (only for tank officers) (6)	2 each	1 year	-	-
(t)	Necktie, duty (only for tank officers) (6)	2 each	1 year	-	-
(u)	Overcoat, parade	1 each	5 years	-	-
(v)	Uniform, parade (with trousers) (7)	1 each	5 years	1 each	5 years
(w)	Cap with visor, parade	1 each	3 years	-	-
(x)	Soap, hand	400 gr	1 month	400 gr	1 month
(y)	Mittens (gloves) (8)	-	-	1 pair	1 year

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- (1) Officers are issued one pair of calfskin boots, one pair of cowhide boots, and one pair of service shoes every two years.
- (2) The cap with visor is issued only to certain authorized NCOs and enlisted men.
- (3) The broadcloth blouse or white summer blouse is issued to all officers except pilots and tank officers; they are issued the new type officers uniform (blouse has lapels). All officers, without exception, wear the breeches or trousers without a blouse.
- (4) If officers desire, they will be issued socks instead of footwraps.
- (5) Officers' equipment includes a blouse or overcoat belt, a Sam Browne belt, a pistol holster, and a map case.
- (6) The duty blouse and necktie are issued only to tank officers and pilots.
- (7) The parade uniform is available for students in military academies, soldiers on border duty, enlisted men and NCOs of the MVD and MGB interior troops, and military bands. When there is to be a parade, the uniform is issued to those units which are to be in the parade.
- (8) Gloves are issued only to members of military bands.

For field problems NCOs and enlisted men are given an issue of a canteen, meat can and a carrying pouch. The clothing records of officers are maintained in the files of the chief of the regimental clothing and equipment supply. Clothing records of NCOs and enlisted men are maintained in their service books and in the files of the 1st Sergeant's office.

5. At the present time, all supplies are shipped to GOFG, Army and divisional depots by rail in order to conserve gasoline. During World War II, all supplies were hauled in. In order to conserve gasoline regimental transportation in the 23d Tk Regt was limited to two trucks in daily use.
6. Approximately 75 trucks of the total of 87 in the 23d Tk Regt were on blocks in garages. Except for one JS-3 tank and five T-34/85 tanks, which were used for daily training, all the tanks of the Regiment were stored on planks, slightly raised from the ground, under canvas protecting covers, in the regimental area. Regulations state that all vehicles in storage shall be put into operation within two hours, but actually it takes 4-5 hours to get all vehicles ready to move. Tanks are put in storage with a supply of gasoline, oil, and ammunition. Trucks are also fueled and oiled, but are not supplied with water. During summer training, the tanks which are put into operation, are driven to the railroad station and shipped to the training area. In the training area they are oiled, cleaned and stored again until they are returned to the winter camp by railroad.
7. The individual soldier is required to inspect his weapon each day. Twice each week individual weapons are inspected by the platoon commander and twice each month by the company commander. Once each year a divisional or army inspecting team inspects individual and crew served weapons. The guns of stored tanks are checked by the platoon commander each week. The guns and machine guns on training tanks are inspected. I estimate the units of fire to be as follows: 220 rounds for carbines, four 70-round drums for SMGs, and four belts of 250 rounds for tank machine guns.

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